

**REMARKS**

Claims 1-9 are pending in this application. Claims 12-20 has been added by the present Amendment. New claims 12-20 do not introduce any new subject matter.

Claims 10-11 have been withdrawn from consideration without prejudice pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.142(b), as being drawn to a non-elected invention and have been canceled without prejudice by the present Amendment.

**ALLOWABLE SUBJECT MATTER**

Applicants gratefully acknowledge the Examiner's indication that claim 1 would be allowable if rewritten or amended to overcome the rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph.

**OBJECTION TO THE TITLE**

Reconsideration is respectfully requested of the Examiner's objection to the title of the invention. In accordance with the Examiner's suggestion, the title has been amended so that it clearly indicates the invention to which the claims are directed. Therefore, Applicant respectfully requests that the objection to the title be withdrawn.

**DRAWING OBJECTIONS**

The Examiner has objected to the drawings under 37 C.F.R. § 1.83(a). The Examiner states that the drawings must show every feature of the invention specified in the claims and that the first and second source members connected to each other recited in claim 1 must be shown or canceled from the claim(s).

In response to the Examiner's objection, Applicants note that the first and second source members connected to each other are shown in, for example, FIG. 1, but reference numerals for the first and second source members in FIG. 1 have been

inadvertently omitted. Accordingly, Applicants propose to amend FIG. 1 by adding reference numerals 173a, 173b, 1731 and 1732 as designated in the attached drawing sheet. The first and second source members 173a and 173b, and branches 1731 and 1732 of FIG. 1 are described in the specification at, for example, page 7, lines 3-10. The specification has been amended to correspond to the drawing changes and the addition of the reference numerals 173a, 173b, 1731 and 1732 to Fig. 1 does not constitute new matter.

Applicants also note that FIGS. 7 and 9 show branches 1731 and 1732 connected to each other.

Accordingly, Applicants request that the Examiner withdraw the objection to the drawings.

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.84, Applicants file herewith a replacement drawing sheet for amended FIG. 1, which has been labeled "Replacement Sheet".

#### **REJECTIONS UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 112**

Reconsideration is respectfully requested of the rejection of claims 1-9 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

The Examiner states that the phrase "first and second drain members located near the first and the second semiconductor members, respectively, and located opposite the first and the second source members with respect to the first and the second gate members, respectively" renders claim 1 indefinite because "[i]t is not clear how a first drain member can be located near the first semiconductor member and located opposite the first source member with respect to the first gate member, [and

how] a second drain member [can be] located near the second semiconductor member and located opposite the second source member with respect to the second gate member”.

Applicants respectfully submit that claim 1, as amended, is not indefinite, and is clear. For example, as shown by Figs. 1 and 2, the first and second drain members 1751 and 1752 are located near respective first and second semiconductor members 1501 and 1502. Also, the first drain member 1751 is located opposite the first source member 173a, and the second drain member 1752 is located opposite the second source member 173b.

Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner’s indefiniteness rejection of claims 1-9 under 35 U.S.C. § 112 be withdrawn.

#### **NEW CLAIMS**

Applicants have added new claims 12-20. Claim 12 is similar to claim 1, except that new claim 12 recites “first and second source members [and] . . . first and second drain members located over the first and the second semiconductor members, respectively”.

In light of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicants respectfully submit that claims 1-9 and 12-20 are in condition for allowance.

An early and favorable reconsideration is earnestly solicited. If the Examiner has any further questions or comments, the Examiner may telephone Applicants' Attorney to reach a prompt disposition of this application.

Respectfully submitted,

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